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1. WE OBTAINED UN SECRETARIAT TAPE RECORDING OF QUESTION AND ANSWER PORTION OF NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PERMANENT OBSERVER'S FEB 27 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL). TAPE SHOWS (AND PRESS SOURCES VERIFY) THAT AFTER LI HAD COMPLETED READING PREPARED STATEMENT, PRESS HAD ASKED QUESTIONS THAT DID NOT TOUCH ON UNGA. THEN, AS REPORTERS WERE PREPARING TO LEAVE, DPRK REP TOOK INITIATIVE-- SINCE HE HAD NOT BEEN ASKED--TO VOLUNTEER COMMENT ON DPRK ATTITUDE TOWARD 29TH GA, UNC AND FOREIGN FORCES.

2. LI VOLUNTEERED FIRST PARA BELOW AND THEN ANSWERED THREE QUESTIONS BEFORE CONFERENCE FINALLY ADJOURNED:

QUOTE: WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION ANOTHER THING.
WELL NOW I MUST SAY THAT WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO
RAISE IT ANY TIME THE QUESTION OF FORCING THE U.S.
TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE SIGNBOARD (OF)
UN FORCE TO (GO) FROM THERE. WELL, I TOLD YOU WE'LL
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TRY TO IMPLEMENT THE THREE POINT PRINCIPLES...AT
THIS TIME I MUST SAY THAT WE STILL HAVE MUCH TIME TO

CONSIDER THE 29TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
LET US WAIT AND SEE.

Q-MR. AMBASSADOR, ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU ARE GOING
TO RAISE IT AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY?

A--WELL, AS I SAID, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE THIS
QUESTION AT ANY TIME. BUT STILL, WE HAVE MUCH TIME TO
CONSIDER THIS MATTER UN'TIL THE 29TH SESSION.

Q--YOU WOULDN'T RAISE IT AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WOULD
YOU?

A--WELL, I DON'T SAY THAT WE WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION TO
THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT IT THINK TO THE--WE HAVE, WE
RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE THIS ISSUE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OR TO RAISE IT SOMEWHERE; I DIDN'T MENTION SECURITY COUNCIL
OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Q--(DO YOU) EXCLUDE RAISING IT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL?

A--OH I DIDN'T SAY THIS. JUST, I SAY WE HAVE RESERVED
THIS RIGHT TO RAISE AT ANY TIME. UNQUOTE.
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